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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2016 No. 354**

**EDUCATION**

**The Student Fees (Amounts) (Amendment)  
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016**

*Made - - - - 27th September 2016*

*Coming into operation 1st September 2017*

The Department for the Economy makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by Articles 4(8) and 14(4) of the Higher Education (Northern Ireland) Order 2005<sup>(1)</sup>.

In accordance with Article 4(11)(a)(i) and (b)(i) the Department is satisfied that the increases to the basic and higher amounts are no greater than are required to maintain the value of those amounts in real terms.

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Student Fees (Amounts) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016 and shall come into operation on 1st September 2017.

**Amendment of Student Fees (Amounts) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005**

2. The Student Fees (Amounts) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005<sup>(2)</sup> shall be amended as provided by regulations 3 to 5.

3. In regulation 2 (Interpretation)—

(a) omit the definition of “the 2003 Regulations”;

(b) after the definition of “the 2005 Order” insert—

“the 2009 Regulations” means the Education (Student Support) (No.2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009<sup>(3)</sup>;

(c) for the definition of “academic year”, substitute—

“academic year” has the meaning given to it in regulation 2(1) of the 2009 Regulations;; and

(d) for the definition of “sandwich course”, substitute—

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(1) S.I. 2005/1116 (N.I. 5)

(2) S.R. 2005 No. 290 as amended by S.R. 2006 No. 455, S.R. 2007 No. 442, S.R. 2008 No. 455, S.R. 2009 No. 400, S.R. 2011 No. 1, S.R. 2011 No. 369, S.R. 2012 No. 184, S.R. 2013 No. 120, S.R. 2014 No. 116, and S.R. 2015 No. 243

(3) S.R. 2009 No. 373 as amended by S.R. 2010 No. 383, S.R. 2012 Nos. 62 and 398, S.R. 2013 Nos. 128 and 223, S.R. 2014 Nos. 97 and 309, and S.R. 2016 No. 21

“sandwich course” has the meaning given to it in regulation 2(10) of the 2009 Regulations..

4. In regulation 3 (Prescribed basic and higher amounts)—
  - (a) for “£1,555” substitute “£1,595”; and
  - (b) for “£3,925” substitute “£4,030”.
5. In regulation 4 (Prescribed basic and higher amounts for specified courses)—
  - (a) for “£760” substitute “£780”; and
  - (b) for “£1,955” substitute “£2,005”.

#### **Revocation**

6. The Student Fees (Amounts) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015(4) are revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for the Economy on 27th September 2016.



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Economy

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations amend the Student Fees (Amounts) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005 (“the 2005 Regulations”) by increasing the basic and higher amounts prescribed in the 2005 Regulations. In each case the increases are by less than 3%, and will come into operation on 1st September 2017.

The 2005 Regulations prescribe the basic and higher amounts which higher education institutions in Northern Ireland may charge by way of tuition fees. Regulation 3 of the 2005 Regulations sets out the basic and higher amounts which ordinarily apply. Regulation 4 sets out the lower basic and higher amounts which apply in respect of an academic year of specified courses.

The 2005 Regulations were last amended by the Student Fees (Amounts) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, which came into operation on 1st September 2016 and are revoked by these Regulations.